

# Zora Fest 2006

## Schedule of Events Tuesday, April 25th

**5:30 p.m.**

2nd Annual Community Book Review  
"Fat Tuesday - The Mystique of Zora"

Fort Pierce Yacht Club  
700 N. Indian River Drive  
Fort Pierce, FL

Hosted by Women with Words, Inc. Book Club and the St. Lucie County African American Cultural Historical Association. A Mardi Gras themed dinner and review of Hurston's books, *Tell My Horse* and *Their Eyes Were Watching God*.  
R.S.V.P. to [FPwomenwithwords@aol.com](mailto:FPwomenwithwords@aol.com) or 772-462-1767

\$5.00 Suggested donation at the door

## Wednesday, April 26th

**6:00 p.m.**

Unveiling of mosaic portrait of Hurston by artist Anita Prentice.

Picture Perfect Gallery  
124 North Second Street  
Fort Pierce, FL

Free Admission - Print of artwork will be available for purchase.

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## THE MYSTIQUE OF ZORA

**APRIL 25-30, 2006**

**FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA**

For more information visit  
[www.zorafest.com](http://www.zorafest.com)

## Zora Neale Hurston

Zora Neale Hurston was a novelist, anthropologist and playwright. Born in Notasulga, AL in 1891, she was the toast of the Harlem Renaissance in the 1930's, won two Guggenheim scholarships, accomplished significant anthropological research internationally and published enduring plays and novels. Her work is required reading in most American universities. Her most famous novel, *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, currently has over a million copies in print, and was chosen by Gov. Bush as his first selection for the Florida Reads! Program and was presented as a made-for-television movie produced by Oprah Winfrey, starring Academy Award winning actress Halle Berry. In 1956, Zora was invited to Ft. Pierce by local newspaper publisher C.E. Bolen to write a column for *The Chronicle*. The famed author spent her final years here, passing in 1960 while working on her last (unpublished) novel.

Thanks to the 2006 ZoraFest Committee, composed of a wonderful group of dedicated and interested community members, for their time and hard work in producing the 2nd Annual ZoraFest.

## Thursday, April 27th



### 7:00 p.m. "VOICES OF THE HARLEM RENAISSANCE"

A live performance presented by WQCS Public Radio 88.9 FM. Funding provided through a grant from the Florida Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Ft. Pierce Magnet School of the Arts  
1100 Delaware Avenue  
Fort Pierce, FL  
Free Admission

## Friday, April 28th

### 7:30 p.m. "Loquacious and Bodacious: The Life and Times of Zora Neale Hurston", a play by Bhetty Waldron

Ft. Pierce Magnet School of the Arts  
1100 Delaware Avenue  
Fort Pierce, FL

TICKETS\*\* Adult-\$10.00  
Student with ID-\$5.00

\*\*Tickets can be purchased at:  
St. Lucie County Cultural Affairs Department  
600 N. Indian River Drive, Ft. Pierce, FL  
or at the door.

## Saturday, April 29th

### 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. The 2nd Annual ZoraFest Street Festival

Lincoln Park Academy  
1806 Avenue "I"  
Fort Pierce, FL

Continuous street fest with food, music, art and souvenir vendors. Ongoing entertainment on the outdoor stage, plus two indoor lecture halls and a youth stage.

### Park and Ride to Zora Fest.

Park at St. Lucie County Civic Center, 2300 Virginia Avenue, and take bus to festival. 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Children's Activities Area with:

- Exhibitions by local Highwaymen Artists
- Face Painting
- Arts & Crafts Projects
- Storytelling
- Free Book Give-Away (while supplies last)

### 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### THE SANKOFA AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM ON WHEELS

The Sankofa African American Museum On Wheels is considered to be one of the foremost collections of African American history readily available in the United States today. The collection spans the period of 1860 to present taking audiences on a journey through slavery, the era of King Cotton and the uplifting days of Emancipation. One of the highlights of Sankofa is its unique display of inventions by African Americans. You won't want to miss seeing the exhibits of the Sankofa Museum.

### 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Guided bus tours of the Dust Tracks Heritage Trail, featuring Zora's house and grave.

### 11:00 a.m.

With MC/DJ "Mighty Michael" on the Main Stage.

- Judah Williams & the Sankofa Rhythm Ensemble with Princess Yvonne Dudley. *Main Stage.*
- Stetson Kennedy, author of *The Klan Unmasked.* *Lecture Hall One.*
- Valerie Boyd, author of *Wrapped in Rainbows*, and Dr. Robert Hemenway, author of *Zora Neale Hurston, A Literary Biography.* *Lecture Hall Two.*

- Infinity Boys & Girls Club Drumline. *Youth Stage.*

### 12:00 p.m.

- Ossie Wright & the Groove Division. *Main Stage.*
- Avenue "D" Boys Choir.
- Garden Terrace Boys & Girls Club. *Youth Stage.*

### 1:00 p.m.

- The Kuumba Dancers. *Main Stage.*
- Dr. Robert Hemenway. *Lecture Hall One.*
- Susheel Bibbs, "Heritage of Power (Marie LaVeau and Voodoo)". *Lecture Hall Two.*
- Musician & Griot Storyteller Madafo Lloyd Wilson.
- Mr. John's Karate School. *Youth Stage.*

### 2:00 p.m.

- Miami Northwestern Sr. High Theatre Department. *Main Stage.*
- Stetson Kennedy. *Lecture Hall One.*
- Valerie Boyd, "The Same Story Twice: Their Eyes were Watching ... Halle Berry?" *Lecture Hall Two.*
- Tavaris Green. *Youth Stage.*

### 3:00 p.m.

- Gospel Choir Competition. *Main Stage.*
- WBA Star Sophia Witherspoon. *Youth Stage.*

### 4:00 p.m.

- The Kuumba Dancers. *Main Stage.*
- Susheel Bibbs, "Meet Mary Pleasant (Voodoo Queen and Mother of Civil Rights in California)" *Lecture Hall One.*
- Dr. Debra Plant, author of *Every Pot Must Sit on Its Own Bottom: The Philosophy and Politics of Zora Neale Hurston*, *Lecture Hall Two.*
- Winners of St. Lucie County High School Rap Contest.

- Helen Abbott Theater of Hope-PAL Dancers
- Tavaris Green. *Youth Stage.*

### 5:00 p.m.

- Judah Williams & the Sankofa Rhythm Ensemble with Princess Yvonne Dudley. *Main Stage.*
- Musician & Griot Storyteller Madafo Lloyd Wilson. *Youth Stage.*

### 6:00 p.m.

- Musician Ossie Wright & the Groove Division. *Main Stage.*



### 7:00 p.m. Grammy nominated R & B singer FREDDIE JACKSON *Main Stage.*

## Sunday, April 30th

### 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Brunch with Keynote Speaker Lucy Anne Hurston .

Entertainment by INJOY and the Lincoln Park Academy Drama Department.

Pelican Yacht Club  
1120 Seaway Drive  
Fort Pierce, FL

TICKETS\*\* \$30.00 in advance,  
limited seating

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